THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A processing method to be implemented by a computer, comprising the steps of:

obtaining three-dimensional shape data representing a three-dimensional shape model of an actual object, a portion of original three-dimensional shape data being omitted requiring that a portion of the three-dimensional shape model corresponding to the omitted original three-dimensional shape data be corrected;

receiving a designation of <u>an omitted</u> the portion of the three-dimensional shape model, the omitted portion being included in the obtained three-dimensional shape data and being a portion where original three-dimensional shape data representing the actual object is omitted corresponding to the omitted original three-dimensional shape data required to be corrected;

displaying the three-dimensional shape model and a curved surface model to be joined to the designated omitted portion of the three dimensional shape model, a shape of the curved surface model being defined by one parameter;

modifying a shape of the <u>curved</u> surface <u>model so as to fit</u> to be joined to the designated portion of the three-dimensional shape model <u>by changing the parameter</u> value according to an alteration of a parameter, with regard to the shape of the surface; and

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displaying re-displaying the modified <u>curved</u> surface <u>model</u> with <u>conforming to</u>

the omitted portion of the three-dimensional shape model in response to the reception of alteration.

- 2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the surface is displayed on the designated portion together with the three-dimensional shape model.
- 3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the alteration of a parameter is executed by a manual operation of a user and the altered parameter is applied to a modification in the modifying step.
- 4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the alteration of a parameter is performed manually by a single operation of a user for fixing the parameter to be applied to a modification in the modifying step.
- 5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the shape of the surface corresponds to a shape of the designated portion with regard to any altered parameter.
- 6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the shape of the surface is determined based on a data which represents a periphery of the designated portion in the three-dimensional shape model.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the surface contains a plurality of points having a fixed position with reference to the X-axis direction and Y-axis direction, and

the modifying step includes modifying a position with reference to the Z-axis direction of at least one of the plurality of points based on the altered parameter.

- 8. (Presently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein the modifying step includes determining a position with reference to the Z-axis direction of at least one of the plurality of points so as to minimize a sum up to a second order differentiation among the plurality of points on the boundary condition of three-dimensional shape data of a periphery of the designated portion.
- 9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein a first order differential coefficient and a second order differential coefficient of the second order differentiation are positive numbers and a sum of them is equal to 1, and the parameter is one of the first order differential coefficient on the second order differential coefficient.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A processing method of a three-dimensional shape data, comprising the steps of:

displaying a three-dimensional shape model having a portion of original three-dimensional shape data omitted and a <u>curved</u> surface <u>model</u> to be joined to the three-dimensional shape model at a portion corresponding to where the portion of original

three-dimensional shape data has been omitted, a shape of the <u>curved</u> surface <u>model</u> being defined by at least one parameter;

a setting portion for obtaining only one parameter value that is instructed to be changed by an operator; and

a modifying portion for modifying the shape of the displayed <u>curved</u> surface model based on the obtained parameter value.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein, wherein

the obtaining of a parameter value is performed manually by a manual operation of a user for fixing the parameter value, and by a manual operation of a user for applying the fixed parameter value onto a modification.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein, wherein

the obtaining of a parameter value is performed manually by a manual operation of a user for fixing the parameter value, and applying the fixed parameter value onto a modification is not necessary.

13. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having encoded thereon a computer readable program for processing a three-dimensional shape model by making a computer system execute each step described in claim 1.

- 14. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having encoded thereon a computer readable program for processing a three-dimensional shape model by making a computer system execute each step described in claim 2.
- 15. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having encoded thereon a computer readable program for processing a three-dimensional shape model by making a computer system execute each step described in claim 3.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having encoded thereon a computer readable program for processing a three-dimensional shape model by making a computer system execute each step described in claim 4.
- 17. (Currently Amended) A processing system of a three-dimensional shape data, comprising:
- a display device for displaying a three-dimensional shape model having a portion of original three-dimensional shape data omitted and a <u>curved</u> surface <u>model</u> to be joined to the three-dimensional shape model at a portion corresponding to where the portion of original three-dimensional shape data has been omitted, a shape of the <u>curved</u> surface <u>model</u> being defined by at least one parameter;

a setting portion for obtaining only one parameter value that is instructed to be changed by an operator; and

a modifying portion for modifying the shape of the displayed <u>curved</u> surface model based on the obtained parameter value.

18. (Original) The processing system according to claim 17, wherein, wherein the obtaining of a parameter value is performed manually by a manual operation of a user for fixing the parameter value, and by a manual operation of a user for applying the fixed parameter value onto a modification.

19. (Original) The processing system according to claim 17, wherein, wherein the obtaining of a parameter value is performed manually by a manual operation of a user for fixing the parameter value, and applying the fixed parameter value onto a modification is not necessary.